

26. LLR: "There are fifteen rooms in the Loomis house on the North and South. The banister railing in the house there was originally from sumac that was grown on the farm there. They had it turned and put in the banister, and the long railing was from ash. I'm not too sure if it was ash...I know it was lumber from on the place... They built the house themselves I think."

27. Towards the end of SRP's and DWP's visit with LLR, Eleanor Rude came in.

ER: "I remember the time she [MESL] hitch hiked into town [from the Russell Homestead]."

DWP: "When she was in her nineties?"

ER: "Yea. She must have been. She had the crutch. And you know where she was, she was in the Arcade...that was down below the Globe. She told me about comin in [i.e. hitch hiking in] cause we were in there and she was tryin to get her coat on with that crutch under her hand and I helped her and I spoke to her and she says 'How do you know me?'"

DWP: "She didn't want anybody to know who she was?"

ER: "Oh yes, but she wanted to know how I knew her."

28. LLR:

"Did they ever tell you about the time that she hitch hiked into town and your grandfather was drivin along and she was hitch hiking along and he went along, she didn't recognize him and he went along and he said 'Lady would ya like a ride?' and she got in the car and she never knew it was him. She sat in the car for a long time...and he pulled into the house and she never recognized him. I don't know why. Edna told me about that...she laughed more about her mother she said gettin into that car...she didn't recognize him and here she lived with him...and he just said 'Lady would ya like a ride?' and here she was walkin down the road."

ER: "...She had a mind of her own though. She did what she wanted to."

DWP: "Good for her."